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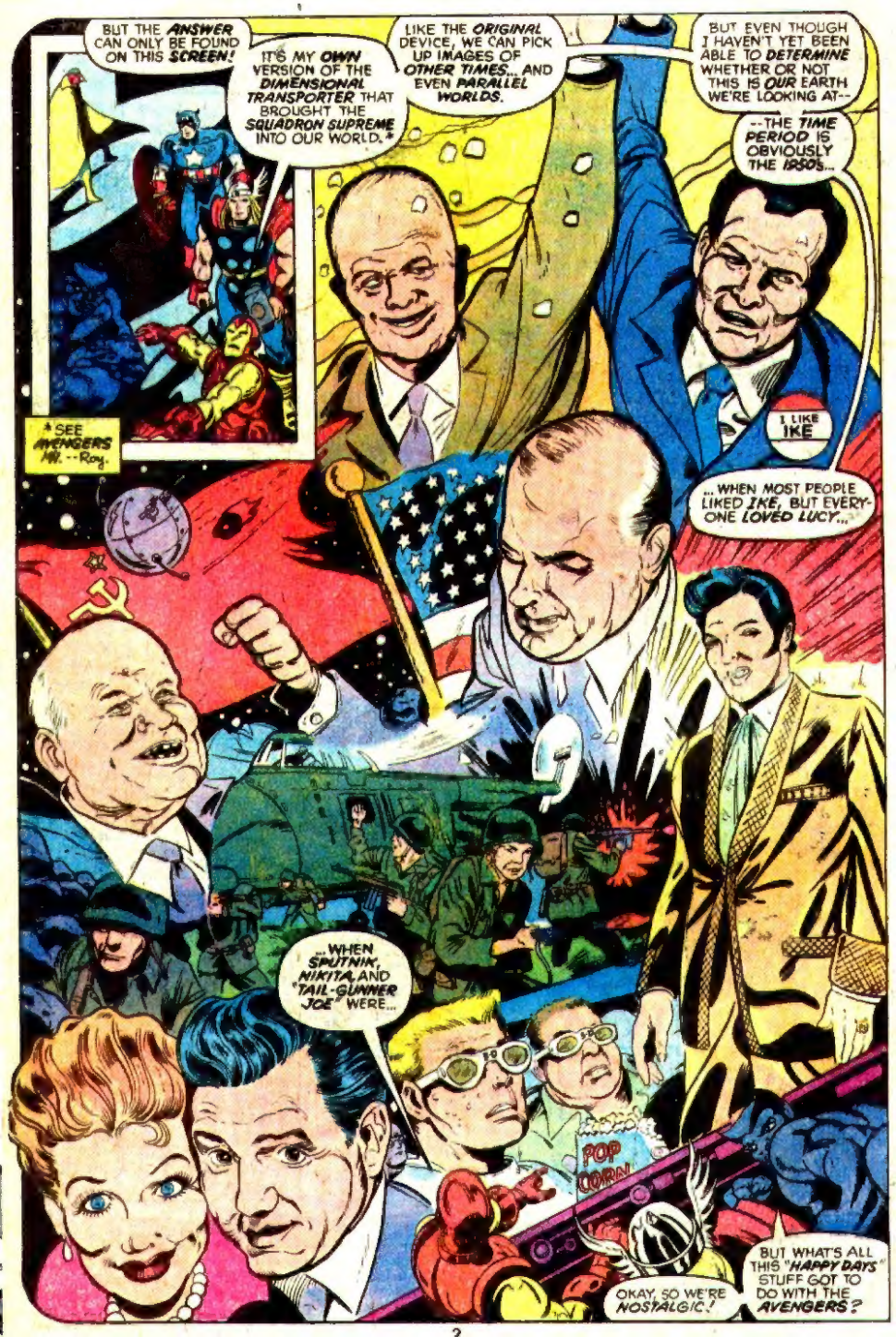
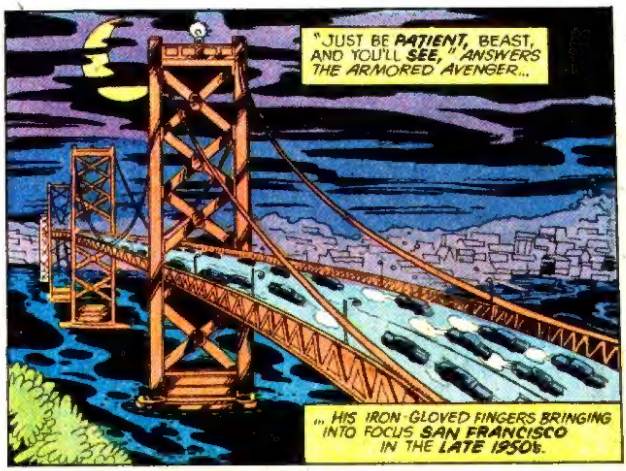
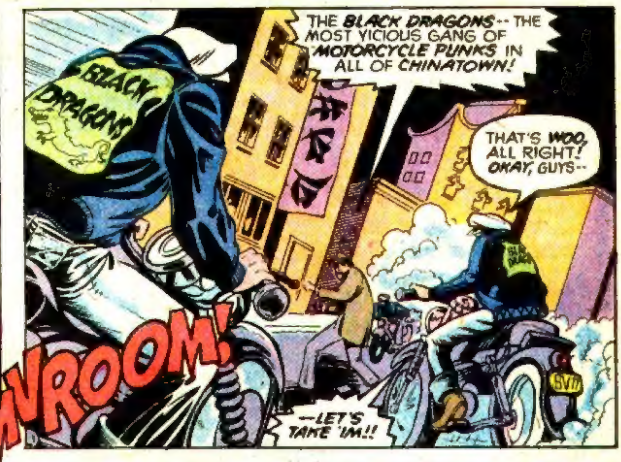

BUT THE ANSWER CAN ONLY BE FOUND ON THIS SCREEN!
IT'S MY OWN VERSION OF THE DIMENSIONAL TRANSPORTER THAT BROUGHT THE SQUADRON SUPREME INTO OUR WORLD.*
LIKE THE ORIGINAL DEVICE, WE CAN PICK UP IMAGES OF OTHER TIMES... AND EVEN PARALLEL WORLDS.
BUT EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS OUR EARTH WE'RE LOOKING AT--
--THE TIME PERIOD IS OBVIOUSLY THE 1950'S...
I LIKE IKE
...WHEN MOST PEOPLE LIKED IKE, BUT EVERYONE LOVED LUCY...
*SEE AVENGERS #91. --Roy.
...WHEN SPUTNIK, NIKITA, AND "TAIL-GUNNER JOE" WERE...
POP
KORN
OKAY, SO WE'RE NOSTALGIC!
BUT WHAT'S ALL THIS "HAPPY DAYS" STUFF GOT TO DO WITH THE AVENGERS?





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"BUT AS THE BLACK-JACKETED HORDE SWOOP DOWN UPON THE AGENT LIKE BIRDS OF PREY...
GOOD THING HAL CHANDLER'S FOLKS DECIDED TO TAKE THEIR VACATION IN FRISCO--
--'CAUSE SOMEBODY DOWN THERE'S GOING TO BE GLAD THAT THE 3-D MAN'S IN TOWN!*
* IF YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE A HALYCON HERO OR THREE RIGHT OFF, STICK WITH US-- WE'LL FILL YOU IN LATER, 'GATOR. —RT.
THE ODDS IN THIS LITTLE RUMBLE SEEM TO BE THREE TO ONE.
AND, SINCE THE 'OWE' HASN'T YET FULLY RECOVERED FROM THAT TUMBLE--
--GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE ON THESE PUNKS SOLO.
WHAT TH--? WHO'S THAT?
VROOM
HEAD STILL DAZED...
BUT SOMEBODY... LEAPING OVER ME... INCREDIBLY FAST!
HMMMM! IT APPEARS AS IF I'M STILL AN UNKNOWN IN THIS BURG.
Y!!!! HE LIFTED MY BIKE JUST LIKE--
SHRAK!
SKREEE!
--LIKE I'VE GOT THE STRENGTH OF THREE MEN?!
IF YOU GUESSED THAT CORRECTLY, YOU CAN MOVE UP TO THE NEXT PLATEAU, FOR A HARDER QUESTION--
LIKE, WHO'S GOING TO CLEAN UP ALL THE LITTER AFTER YOU SECOND-RATE BRANDOS WAKE UP FROM YOUR NAP?!
L-LOOK OUT, MAN! HE'S GONNA THROW THE TRIUMPH RIGHT AAATTTT...
KRAK!
SKREE!
WHUD!

WHAT A FANTASTIC DISPLAY OF YOUR TRIPLE-POWERS, 3-D MAN! I DOUBT EVEN CAPTAIN AMERICA COULD'VE DONE ANY BETTER.
GREAT! SO SOMEBODY IN THIS TOWN KNOWS ABOUT ME!
I'M JIMMY WOO--F.B.I.!

NOW I WON'T HAVE TO TRACK YOU DOWN THROUGH THE BUREAU.
HUH? I DON'T--
YOU WILL, AS SOON AS SOMEBODY ELSE SHOWS UP!

AND HERE I AM, JIMMY--RIGHT ON TIME, THANKS TO MY SHIP, THE SILVER BULLET.
MARVEL BOY?!
BUT HE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT, SEVERAL YEARS AGO!
WELL--I'M BACK!

I WISH I'D GOTTEN HERE SOONER. BUT, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T TAKE PART IN THE ACTUAL FIGHTING--
--I CAN STILL DO SOMETHING...
...LIKE PROBE THIS HOODLUM'S MIND, AND LEARN WHY THESE JO TYPES SHOULD WANT TO HARM JIMMY WOO.

THEN, USING HIS POWER OF TELEPATHY, ACQUIRED ON THE PLANET URANUS, MARVEL BOY SEES...
WHAT IN THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSE--?
THEY'RE UNDER THE MENTAL CONTROL OF--
--THE YELLOW CLAW!

I SHOULD'VE GUESSED! IT'S BECAUSE OF THE YELLOW CLAW THAT I'M HERE--

--AND WANTED TO CONTACT YOU... AND THE OTHERS.

LISTEN, IF YOU WANT US TO JAM WITH THAT CREEP, COUNT ME IN! BUT WHO'RE THESE "OTHERS"?

YOU'LL KNOW EVERYTHING SOON, I PROMISE. BUT FIRST--

--I'VE GOT A LITTLE ERRAND FOR YOU, MARVEL BOY-- IN AFRICA.

AFRICA?!!

"AFTER MARVEL BOY HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY JIMMY WOO...

SOON AS THE POLICE CART OFF THESE HOODS, WE'VE GOT BUSINESS, 3-D MAN--

--ON THE WATERFRONT!

"WHILE, ELSEWHERE IN CHINATOWN--

YOU SEE, HERR VOLTZMANN--

THE ANCIENT QUARTZ CRYSTAL REVEALS MY MOST HATED FOE...

JIMMY WOO, WHO STILL HOLDS A PLACE IN MY NIECE SUWAN'S HEART.

JA, HERR CLAW!

AND NOW IT APPEARS AS IF THE AMERIKANER AGENT HAS MADE SOME ALLIES!

NO DOUBT THEY WILL CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS THREAT TO MY TAKE-OVER OF THE UNITED STATES.

AND SO, BEFORE MAKING OUR NEXT MOVE, WE SHALL OBSERVE...

"WITH BUT A GESTURE OF THE YELLOW CLAW'S HAND, THE IMAGE OF THE CRYSTAL CHANGES, SHIFTING HALF A WORLD AWAY...

... WHERE, WITHIN THE SILVER BULLET, A ROCKETSHIP DESIGNED THROUGH THE COMBINED SCIENCES OF EARTH AND URANUS...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE TEAMING UP WITH THE CELEBRATED JANN OF THE JUNGLE!*
BUT JIMMY SAID ONLY YOU KNOW WHERE TO LOCATE--
DOWN THERE, MARVEL BOY! I THINK THAT'S OUR QUARRY--
--BECAUSE THAT GORILLA DOWN THERE IS THROWING PUNCHES AT THOSE LIONS--LIKE A MAN WOULD!
*JANN HAD HER OWN COMIC-MAG DURING THE 1950'S --R.T.
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR "GORILLA-MAN" COULD USE SOME HELP, JANN...
...JANN?!
IT COULD BE ANOTHER MINUTE BEFORE MARVEL BOY FINDS A CLEARING TO LAND--
--AND OUR SIMIAN FRIEND MIGHT NOT HAVE THAT LONG!
RRRRRK
PLAK!
SWIIII-
"LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER...
DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU KITTIES--
--SO MAYBE I CAN TEMPORARILY BLIND YOU WITH MY LIGHT-JEWEL!
GOOD! WE DIDN'T HAVE TO HARM THE LIONS.
THEY PROBABLY ATTACKED--
--ONLY BECAUSE THEY SENSED GORILLA-MAN TO BE DIFFERENT.

LADY, IF THAT ISN'T THE CLASSIC UNDER STATEMENT OF THE YEAR, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!
HUH?! HE TALKS! SUFFERIN' SATELLITES-- JIMMY WOO DIDN'T TELL ME HE COULD--
SO NOW YOU KNOW, PRETTY BOY!

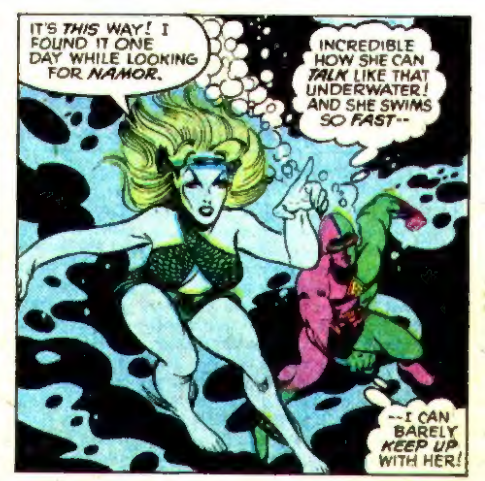
BUT WHY DID YOU AND HER EVEN BOTHER HELPING A SHAGGY MONSTROSITY-- THAT ONCE WAS HUMAN?
BECAUSE YOUR SIMIAN STRENGTH AND AGILITY ARE NEEDED BACK IN THE UNITED STATES.
Oh, NO!!
I'VE GOT A WIFE BACK THERE! I COULDN'T BEAR BEING SO NEAR AND--

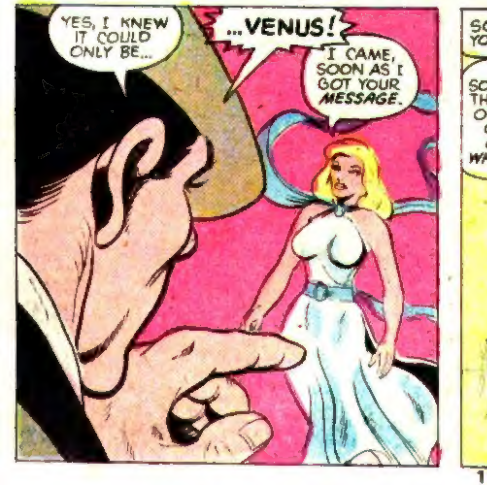
" BUT, WHEN MARVEL BOY PROMISES TO SEEK A CURE FOR THE GORILLA-MAN THROUGH URANIAN SCIENCE...
I WISH I COULD GO WITH THEM. BUT I MUST STAY HERE--
--AS LONG AS THE JUNGLE IS PREY TO EVIL AND INJUSTICE.

*MEANWHILE...
IT'S SOME-WHERE DOWN THERE--
--BUT IT'LL TAKE THE TALENTS OF YOU AND SOMEONE ELSE TO FIND IT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

JIMMY!! UNLESS MY TRIPLE-SHARP VISION'S PLAYING TRICKS ON ME, SOMETHING'S MOVING THROUGH THE WATER--
--LIKE THE U.S.S. NAUTILUS!
IT'S NOT SOMETHING, 3-D MAN, BUT SOMEONE...

NAMORA, THE SEA-WOMAN--
--COUSIN OF PRINCE NAMOR, THE LEGENDARY SUB-MARINER!
HOPE I'M NOT LATE.
SPLASH
MAN, LOOK AT HER!





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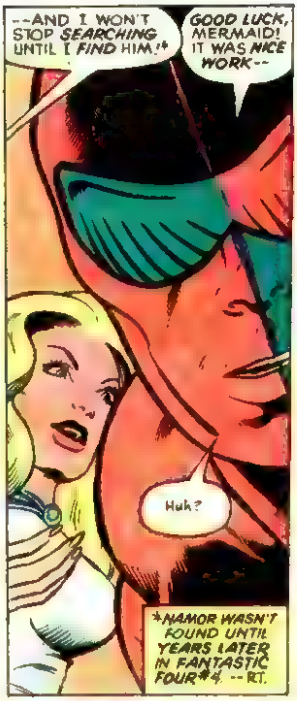
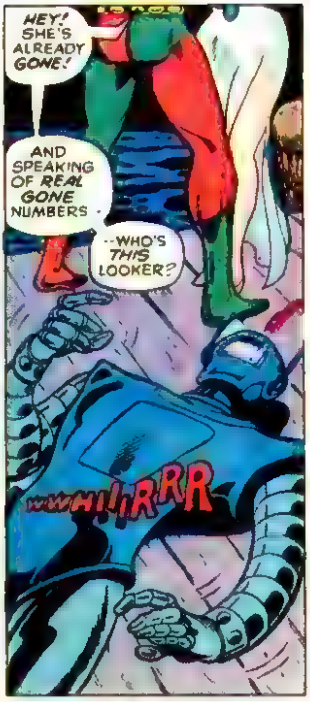
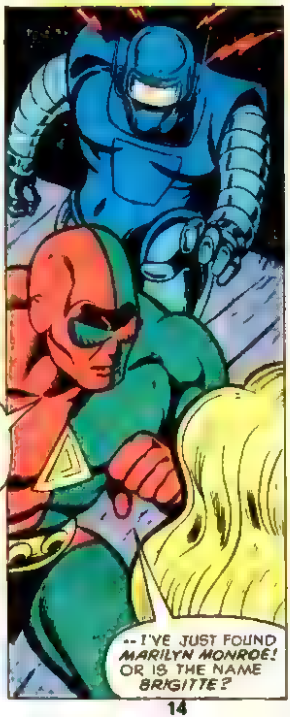
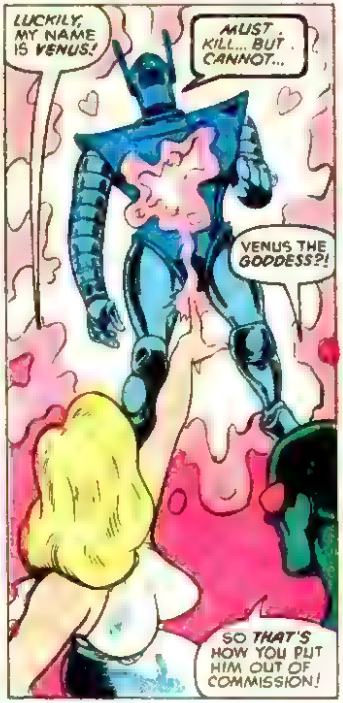
EASY WITH HIM!
EASY?! Ugh!
EVEN WITH TRI-STRENGTH, I CAN BARELY LIFT HIM!
WISH I COULD STAY, BUT NAMOR'S BEEN MISSING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW--

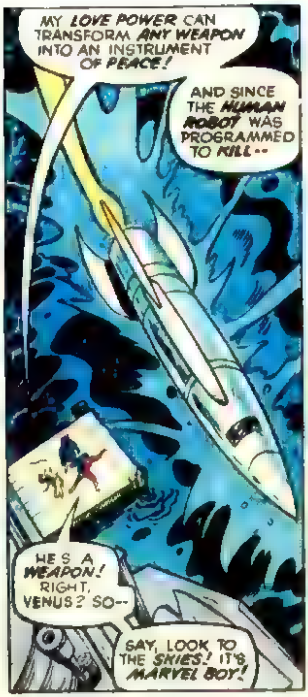

--AND I WON'T STOP SEARCHING UNTIL I FIND HIM!*
GOOD LUCK, MERMAID! IT WAS NICE WORK--
Huh?
*NAMOR WASN'T FOUND UNTIL YEARS LATER IN FANTASTIC FOUR #4 -- RT.


HEY! SHE'S ALREADY GONE!
AND SPEAKING OF REAL GONE NUMBERS
--WHO'S THIS LOOKER?
WHIIIRRR

NEVER MIND THAT NOW! LOOK!
THE HUMAN ROBOT-- IT'S MOVING AND STILL PROGRAMMED TO--
NOT NOW, MR. F.B.I. AGENT. CAN'T YOU SEE--

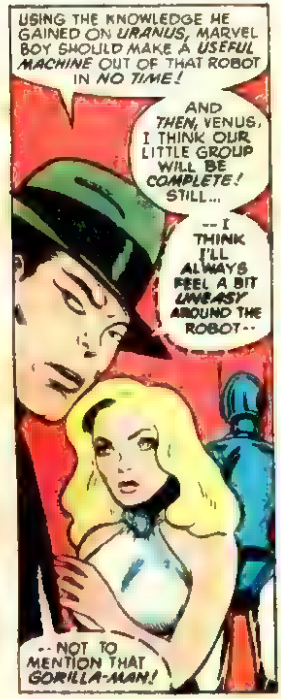

--I'VE JUST FOUND MARILYN MONROE! OR IS THE NAME BRIGITTE?


LUCKILY, MY NAME IS VENUS!
MUST KILL... BUT CANNOT...
VENUS THE GODDESS?!
SO THAT'S HOW YOU PUT HIM OUT OF COMMISSION!


MY LOVE POWER CAN TRANSFORM ANY WEAPON INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE!
AND SINCE THE HUMAN ROBOT WAS PROGRAMMED TO KILL--
HE'S A WEAPON! RIGHT, VENUS? SO--
SAY, LOOK TO THE SKIES! IT'S MARVEL BOY!

"AFTER THE SILVER BULLET LANDS, AND BOB GRAYSON EXITS WITH HIS BIZARRE COMPANION...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK, MARVEL BOY! I CAN'T HOLD HIM BACK FOREVER!
MAYBE YOU CAN SUBDUE THE ROBOT A LITTLE LONGER--
--UNTIL I'VE HAD A PEEK INSIDE.

"THEN, A MINUTE AFTER LOOKING BENEATH THE ROBOT'S CHEST-PLATE...
I'VE SHUT HIM OFF.
HE'LL CONTINUE TO KILL UNLESS HE HAS A REGULATOR.
I CAN INSTALL ONE WITH PARTS STORED IN THE SILVER BULLET.


USING THE KNOWLEDGE HE GAINED ON URANUS, MARVEL BOY SHOULD MAKE A USEFUL MACHINE OUT OF THAT ROBOT IN NO TIME!
AND THEN, VENUS, I THINK OUR LITTLE GROUP WILL BE COMPLETE! STILL...
-- I THINK I'LL ALWAYS FEEL A BIT UNEASY AROUND THE ROBOT--
-- NOT TO MENTION THAT GORILLA-MAN!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, SHELL-HEAD!
THAT GORILLA-MAN IS A BEASTIE AFTER MY OWN HAIRY HEART! BUT WHO THE HECK IS HE?
VERILY, THOUGH VENUS BE KNOWN TO ME, THE OTHERS ON YONDER SCREEN REMAIN UNFAMILIAR!

AND NOW, DEAR READER, I MUST SPEAK, FROM MY OBSERVATORY ON YOUR MOON.

THOUGH THERE WAS AN *INTERIM CAPTAIN AMERICA* FOR A BRIEF PERIOD DURING THE MIDDLE 1950'S, HE HAD GONE QUITE *MAD*, IN HIS OWN WAY, AND HAD BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE *AUTHORITIES* BY THE TIME OF OUR STORY.*

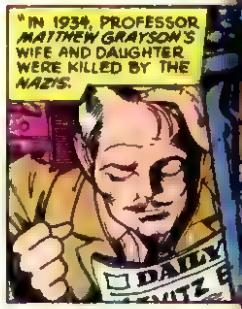
THUS, NEITHER THE *TRUE* CAPTAIN AMERICA -- NOR SUCH LATE-COMERS AS THE *VISION* OR THE EARTHLY INCARNATION OF *THOR* -- CAN KNOW MUCH OF THE *ORIGINS* OF THESE COLORFUL HEROES.

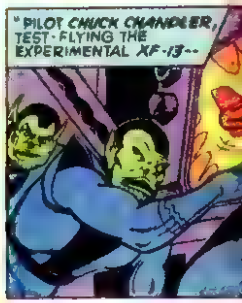
FOR INSTANCE, THERE IS *KEN HALE* -- A MAN OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA OF A *GORILLA-MAN*, A LEGENDARY MONSTER HALF *MAN* AND HALF *ANIMAL*, SUPPOSED TO EXIST IN *KENYA* DURING THIS TIME.

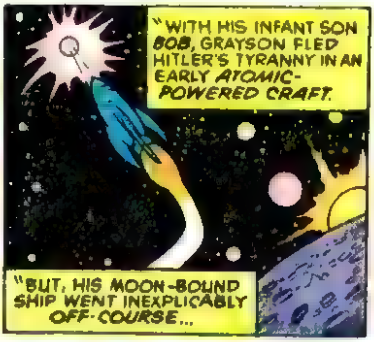
HALE'S OBSESSION DROVE HIM TO *SEEK OUT* THE CREATURE -- BUT, AFTER SLAYING HIM, *HALE HIMSELF* WAS TURNED BY A STRANGE *CURSE* INTO THE *NEW* **GORILLA-MAN!**"*

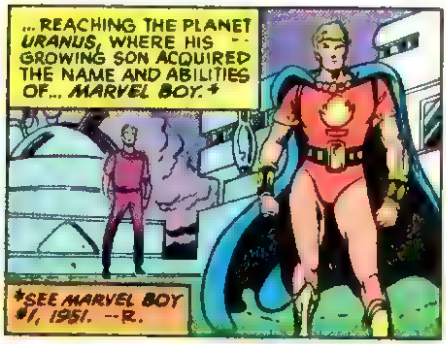
*C.A. #155. --Roy

**SEE MEN'S ADVENTURES #26. -- RT.

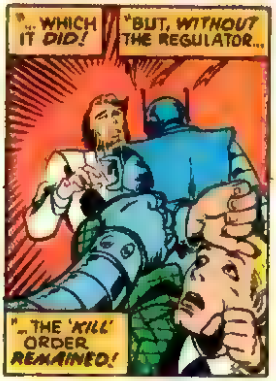


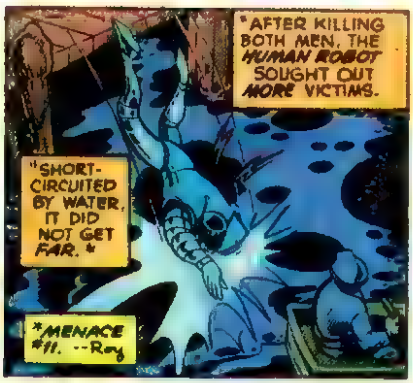


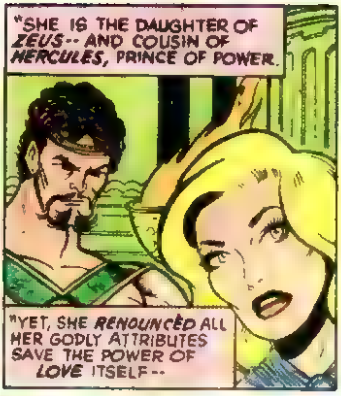

"WITH HIS INFANT SON BOB, GRAYSON FLED HITLER'S TYRANNY IN AN EARLY ATOMIC-POWERED CRAFT.
"BUT, HIS MOON-BOUND SHIP WENT INEXPLICABLY OFF-COURSE...

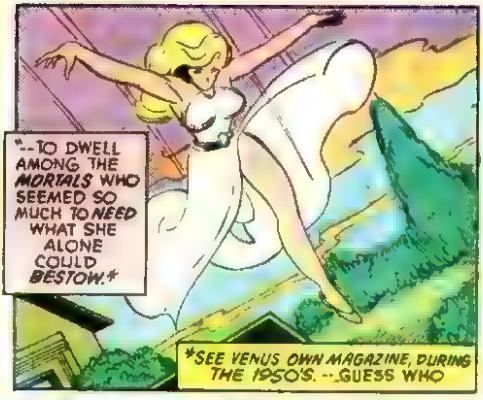

...REACHING THE PLANET URANUS, WHERE HIS GROWING SON ACQUIRED THE NAME AND ABILITIES OF... MARVEL BOY.*
*SEE MARVEL BOY #1, 1951. --R.

T, HIS UNSCRUPULOUS SINESS MANAGER BOTAGED THE ROBOT...
PROGRAMMING IT TO LL ITS CREATOR...

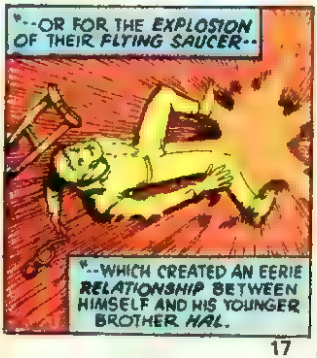

"... WHICH IT DID!
"BUT, WITHOUT THE REGULATOR...
"... THE 'KILL' ORDER REMAINED!

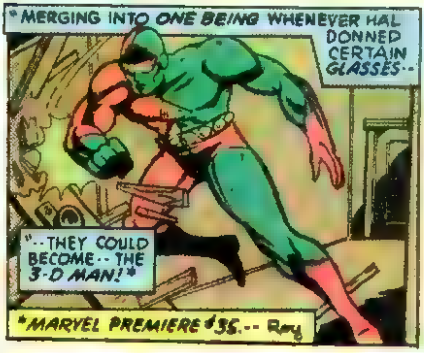

"AFTER KILLING BOTH MEN, THE HUMAN ROBOT SOUGHT OUT MORE VICTIMS.
"SHORT-CIRCUITED BY WATER, IT DID NOT GET FAR.*
*MENACE #11. --Ray


"SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF ZEUS-- AND COUSIN OF HERCULES, PRINCE OF POWER.
"YET, SHE RENOUNCED ALL HER GODLY ATTRIBUTES SAVE THE POWER OF LOVE ITSELF--


"--TO DWELL AMONG THE MORTALS WHO SEEMED SO MUCH TO NEED WHAT SHE ALONE COULD BESTOW.*
*SEE VENUS OWN MAGAZINE, DURING THE 1950'S. --GUESS WHO

NOT PREPARED R HIS CAPTURE BY ALIEN SKRULLS--


"--OR FOR THE EXPLOSION OF THEIR FLYING SAUCER--
"--WHICH CREATED AN EERIE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER HAL.


"MERGING INTO ONE BEING WHENEVER HAL DONNED CERTAIN GLASSES--
"--THEY COULD BECOME-- THE 3-D MAN!*
*MARVEL PREMIERE #35.-- Ray

"AND NOW THAT YOU, THOUGH NOT ALL THE AVENGERS, KNOW THE BACKGROUNDS OF THOSE BEINGS..
"...LET US WATCH IRON MAN'S VIEWSCREEN--
"--AS HE FOCUSES ON A SCENE OF THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT A SUPPOSEDLY ABANDONED WAREHOUSE.
WHAT GIVES, JIMMY? WE'VE BEEN STANDING AROUND THIS DUMP FOR AN HOUR AND
JUST ONE MORE MINUTE, 3-D MAN.
YEAH! KEEP YOUR FANCY PANTS ON, TWO-TONE!
LISTEN, YOU SECOND-BANANA MIGHTY JOE YOUNG, IF THERE WASN'T A LADY PRESENT, I'D--
HOLD! THAT HEAVY CLANKING-- IT CAN ONLY MEAN...
IT MEANS WE CAN FINALLY BEGIN.
YEAH? BEGIN WHAT--ANOTHER RUMBLE WITH THAT ANTHROPOMORPHIC EDSEL?
GRRR...
HE'S ON OUR SIDE NOW, FRIEND-- THANKS TO UKRANIAN TECHNOLOGY.
OH.. YOUR... SIDE!
NOW HE CAN THINK AS WELL AS SPEAK.
I ADMIT, HE'S NOT MUCH ON PERSONALITY--
--BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF HIS EMOTIONS THAT JIMMY WOO WANTS HIM!
KRAK!
HUH?! THAT BAR WAS SOLID STEEL!
THEN THAT HUMAN ROBOT MUST EVEN BE STRONGER THAN ME!

I NEED HIS STRENGTH-- AS I NEED ALL OF YOUR SPECIAL POWERS, MR. HALE.

RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED AS A PERSONAL BODYGUARD TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

IN THE PAST MONTH, THERE HAVE BEEN THREE ATTEMPTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE, ALL LINKED--

--TO THE YELLOW CLAW, THAT CENTURY-OLD MYSTIC FROM THE FOOTHILLS OF THE TIBETAN ALPS...

.. WHO FIRST WANTS TO RULE THE UNITED STATES, AND THEN THE WORLD! *

*SEE YELLOW CLAW #1. -R

EVERY DAY, THE YELLOW CLAW'S POWER AND INFLUENCE BECOME STRONGER.

BUT IF THERE WERE AN ORGANIZED GROUP OF SUPER POWERED INDIVIDUALS TO AVENGE THE FIEND'S CRIMES...

I THINK YOU'VE GOT ONE, JIMMY!

BUT WE NEED A NAME, LIKE THE REBEL-ROUSERS-- OR THE "GUERRILLA FIGHTERS!

REAL CLEVER, GARGANTUA.

BUT... WOO... ALREADY... GAVE... US... NAME.

THE ROBOT'S RIGHT! IF WE RE GOING TO AVENGE THE CRIMES OF THE YELLOW CLAW...

GRRRR

WHAT BETTER NAME CAN THERE BE FOR THIS WAY-OUT COMBO THAN...

The AVENGERS!

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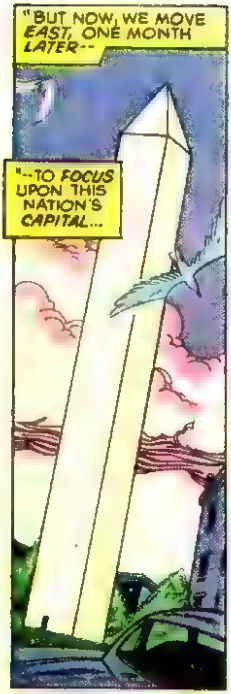

"BUT NOW, WE MOVE EAST, ONE MONTH LATER--
"--TO FOCUS UPON THIS NATION'S CAPITAL...

"... WHERE, IN AN UNDERGROUND LAIR, HEAVILY SCENTED WITH INCENSE.
HAVE YOU DONE AS I COMMANDED, FRITZ?
JAWOHL, HERR CLAW--
--WITH THE SAME EFFICIENCY I USED WHEN I WAS KARL VON HORSTBADEN, COMMANDANT AT AUSCHWITZ.

VERY GOOD! THEN OUR NEXT ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT--
--HAD BEST NOT FAIL!
HOW CAN IT, MEIN HERR--
--NOW THAT MY NAZI INGENUITY HAS DONE THE "IMPOSSIBLE"--

--AND BROUGHT TOGETHER SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL THREATS TO THIS COUNTRY SINCE THE FALL OF THE THIRD REICH!
I AM SKULL-FACE--THE SKELETON OF AN ALLEGED DEMON, BURNED AT THE STAKE CENTURIES AGO--
--AND RESTORED TO LIFE IN THIS CENTURY BY SO MILLION VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY! *
YET, WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTRICITY, I, THE RUSSIAN ASSASSIN ELECTRO, AM ITS MASTER! **
CAREFUL WITH THOSE BOLTS OF YOURS, ELECTRO--UNLESS YOU'D LIKE TO BE PUT UNDER ICE... BY THE COLD WARRIOR! ***
AND I AM THE GREAT VIDEO! A LABORATORY EXPLOSION GAVE ME X-RAY VISION...
... AND THE POWER TO KILL WITH MY PROLONGED STARE! **** BUT... GOOD LORD! THIS MAN REALLY IS A LIVING SKELETON!
SEE: *MYSTIC #6. **CAPTAIN AMERICA #78. ***MARVEL PREMIERE #37 & ****MARVEL BOY #1. -- Roy.

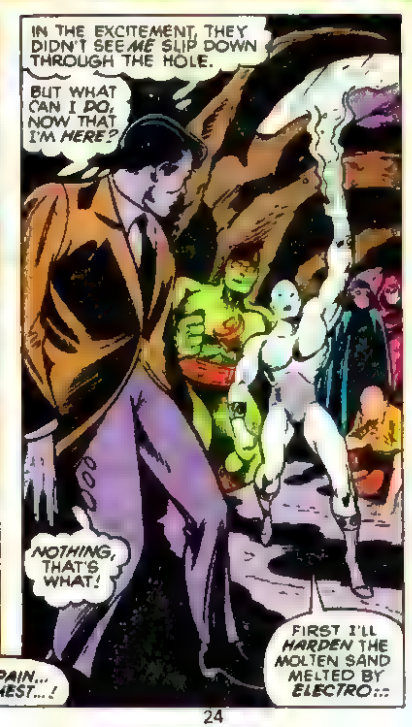
WITH THE ANCIENT ALCHEMISTS' POTIONS YOU PROVIDED, IT WAS SIMPLE TO RESTORE THEIR POWERS--
--AND MAKE THEM SLAVES TO YOUR WILL!
OTHERWISE THE COLD WARRIOR WOULD NEVER WORK ALONGSIDE THE RUSSIAN ELECTRO!
COLD WARRIOR IS, AFTER ALL, AN ANTI-COMMUNIST--
--AND FANCIES HIMSELF A YANKEE HERO.
YOU HAVE DONE WELL, FRITZ. AND AFTER MY SUPER-POWERED SERVANTS ACCOMPLISH THE NEXT PHASE IN MY PLAN, JAMES WOO IS YOURS.
I TRUST YOU WILL THINK OF SOME APPROPRIATE DEMISE FOR HIM.
JA, JA! DANKE, YELLOW CLAW!
NOW, FRITZ, YOU SHOULDN'T SOUND SO ENTHUSIASTIC. I FEAR YOU HAVE UNSETTLED MY GRAND-NIECE.
BUT LET HER BROOD--
--WHILE I SEND MY SUPER-SLAVES ON THEIR MISSION... AND WE OBSERVE THEM IN THE CRYSTAL.
"AND SOON...
I CAN SEE IT ALREADY, ELECTRO. WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
ZZITT
--UNTIL IT LEADS US DIRECTLY BELOW OUR TARGET!
THEN I SHALL CONTINUE TO BLAST OUT THIS TUNNEL--
"ELSEWHERE, ON THE SURFACE...
I STILL DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD APPEAR IN PUBLIC LIKE THIS, MR. PRESIDENT...
...ESPECIALLY AFTER THE RECENT ATTEMPTS BY THE YELLOW CLAW TO--
I THINK YOU F.B.I. MEN WORRY TOO MUCH, JIMMY.
I'VE GOT THE WORLD'S BEST BODYGUARDS! BESIDES...
WHAT COULD THE YELLOW CLAW DO TO ME HERE, ON AN OPEN GOLF COURSE?
AND STUCK IN THE SAND TRAP, I MIGHT ADD!
YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES I'M TEMPTED TO FOLLOW DICK'S ADVICE--

-- AND TAKE UP SOME OTHER, LESS STRENUOUS SPORT... HUH?!
JIMMY! SOMETHING'S GOT MY LEG... PULLING ME D--
GOOD LORD! THAT'S A SKELETON HAND!

HE'S BEEN SUCKED UNDERGROUND-- BUT THOSE GROTESQUE MASKED FIGURES!
WE'VE GOT TO-- UGHH!!
SHAW! LOOK OUT!
ZAP!

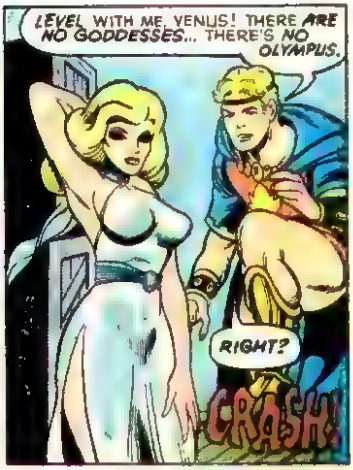
I DON'T WANT TO KILL THEM WITH MY COLD-POWER. BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE!
I HAVE NO SUCH QUALMS, COLD WARRIOR.
YAIEE!

THERE! I HAVE MELTED SHUT THE OPENING. NOW--
WAIT! SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH OUR CAPTIVE!
IT'S A PAIN... IN MY CHEST...!


IN THE EXCITEMENT, THEY DIDN'T SEE ME SLIP DOWN THROUGH THE HOLE.
BUT WHAT CAN I DO, NOW THAT I'M HERE?
NOTHING, THAT'S WHAT!
FIRST I'LL HARDEN THE MOLTEN SAND MELTED BY ELECTRO...

THEN WE'LL RETURN TO OUR MASTER VIA THE QUICKEST MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL...
A SLIPPERY SLIDE OF ICE!

"AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A WAREHOUSE OVER 2,100 MILES AWAY.
DON'T GIVE ME ANY MORE LIP, TIN-MAN. I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU.
I... HAVE NO...LIP.
BROTHER! LOOK, YOU JUST GIVE ME THE CREEPS, THAT'S ALL.
AND FOR ME, THAT'S SAYING SOMETHING!

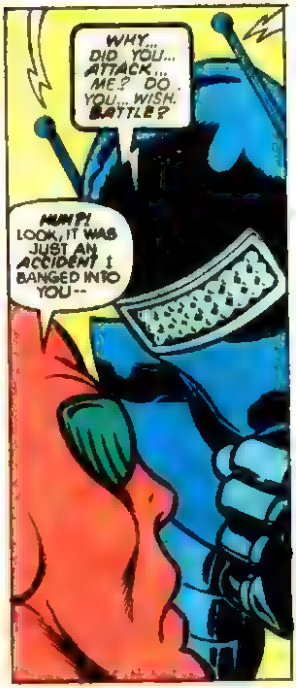

LEVEL WITH ME, VENUS! THERE ARE NO GODDESSES... THERE'S NO OLYMPUS.
RIGHT?
CRASH

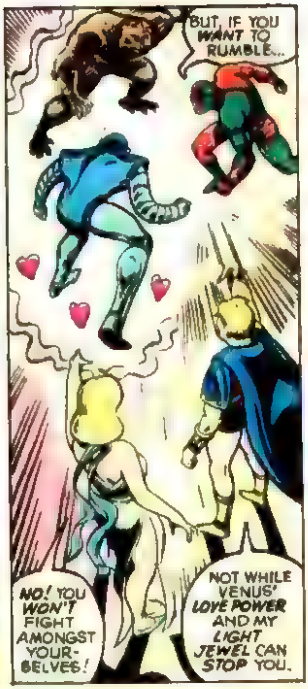
SORRY I'M LATE, GANG...
BUT THE 3-D MAN CAN ONLY EXIST FOR THREE HOURS AT A TIME!
ABOUT THAT WINDOW-- I JUST WANTED TO AIR OUT THE PLACE--
--CAUSE IT'S STARTING TO SMELL LIKE A ZOO.

DID YOU GRRRRR HEAR THAT?
EASY, GORILLA-MAN! HE DIDN'T MEAN--
OH, DIDN'T HE?!

WELL, I'M SICK OF HEARING CRACKS MADE BY THIS CHRISTMAS-COLORED FREAK!
AND WHEN THIS APE GETS SICK, HE GETS MAD!
WAK
MARVEL BOY!
Ugh!
MAN, THAT HURT! IF NOT FOR MY TRI-STRENGTH, THAT PUNCH MIGHT VE KILLED ME!

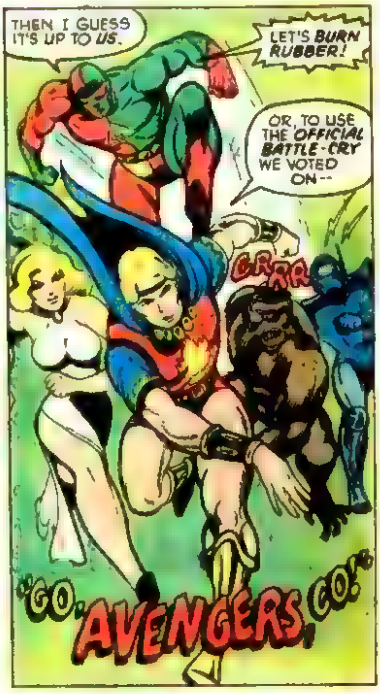
YOU HEAR THAT GROWL? I KNEW HE WASN'T ANYTHING BUT A TALKING MONKEY! I'LL--
BLAF!
SOMEONE.. ATTACKS... HUMAN... ROBOT.


WHY... DID YOU... ATTACK... ME? DO YOU... WISH BATTLE?
HUN?! LOOK, IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT! I BANGED INTO YOU--


BUT, IF YOU WANT TO RUMBLE...
NO! YOU WON'T FIGHT AMONGST YOUR-SELVES!
NOT WHILE VENUS' LOVE POWER AND MY LIGHT JEWEL CAN STOP YOU.

AND NOW THAT YOU THREE HAVE QUIETED DOWN, MAYBE YOU'LL LISTEN TO THIS MESSAGE--
--COMING OVER OUR SPECIAL WAVE-LENGTH FROM JIMMY WOO.

...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, MARVEL BOY. I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THEM ON FOOT--
--BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THIS TUNNEL'S GOING!


THEN I GUESS IT'S UP TO US.
LET'S BURN RUBBER!
OR, TO USE THE OFFICIAL BATTLE-CRY WE VOTED ON--
GRRR
"GO, AVENGERS, GO!"

YOU REACHED HERE *ALIVE*. GOOD! *DEAD* YOU'D BE *USELESS* TO ME!

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO NOW *YELLOW CLAW*-- SURRENDER ME TO YOUR "*COMRADES*"?

SO, MR PRESIDENT, YOU *STILL* THINK I SERVE THE *COMMUNISTS!* BUT THE YELLOW CLAW SERVES *NO ONE*...

IS THAT NOT *SO*, HERR VOLTZMANN?

VOLTZMANN? YOU MEAN *VON HORST-BADEN*, DON'T YOU--ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST WANTED *WAR CRIMINALS?!*

HOW *FLATTERING!* AFTER ALL THESE *YEARS*, YOU *REMEMBER* ME

VAS I *SO* FAMOUS DURING THE *WAR*, HERR GENERAL?

YOU ARE A *BELOVED* PRESIDENT. AND SO I SHALL PUT YOUR LIFE UP FOR *RANSOM!* THE *PRICE*--

--*COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY* OVER ONE OF YOUR POPULOUS *EASTERN STATES!*

YOU'RE *INSANE!* THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN'T BE *BLACKMAILED* LIKE THIS!

CAN'T THEY? FIRST, A SINGLE *STATE*-- AND, IN TIME, BY VARIOUS MEANS, YOUR ENTIRE *NATION*, MR PRESIDENT.

THE *WEST* SHALL BE MINE... THEN THE *ORIENT*... AND FINALLY THE *ENTIRE WORLD!*

MY GRAND-UNCLE IS *MAD!*

BUT HOW CAN I *STOP* HIM?

I CAN'T BETRAY MY OWN *FLESH AND BLOOD!*

I'VE GOT TO THINK THIS THING *OUT*, IF--

Psssssss! *SUWAN!*

WHO...

JIMMY! I THOUGHT I'D *NEVER* SEE YOU AGAIN! Mmmmmm

THE *TUNNEL* BROUGHT ME HERE BUT IF I'M TO SAVE THE *PRESIDENT*--

--*YOU'VE* GOT TO TAKE THIS *COMMUNICATOR*. IN CASE I'M *DISCOVERED* IN HERE--

USE IT!

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USING THE COMMUNICATOR IS SIMPLE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS--
ARRGGNN--!
SO, THE MASTER HAS AN UNINVITED VISITOR!
KA-ZAK!
JIMMY, NO--!

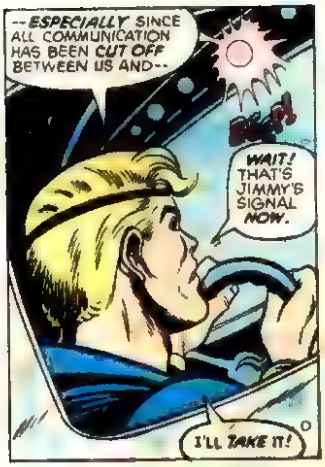
"AS THE ELECTRICALLY-INDUCED UNCONSCIOUSNESS LIFTS FROM THE YOUNG GOVERNMENT AGENT...
SU... SUWAN?
NO, JIMMY WOO--IT IS NOT MY TRAITOROUS NIECE.

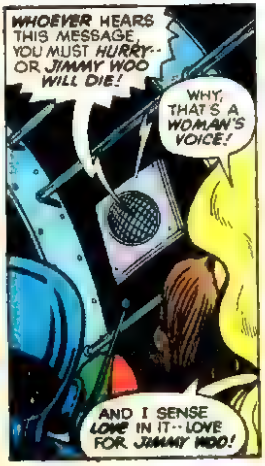
WOW! IT'S A MIRACLE THAT JOLT DIDN'T KILL ME!
I'M ALL RIGHT--SO FAR, JIMMY.
MR. PRESIDENT! HAS THAT SCUM HARMED YOU?
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS HEART OF MINE CAN STAND ALL THE STRAIN.

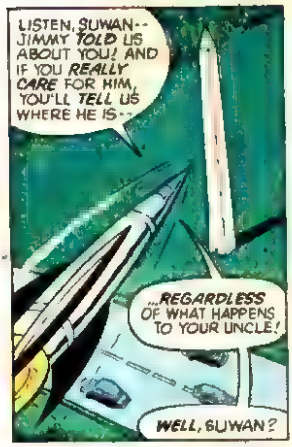
THEN PERHAPS GENERAL EISENHOWER SHOULD NOT LOOK--
--AS I TEST HERR WOO'S ENDURANCE, AS I DID VITH THOSE VERDAMMT INFERIORS AT THE CONCENTRATION CAMP
NO, UNCLE--PLEASE, DON'T LET HIM!

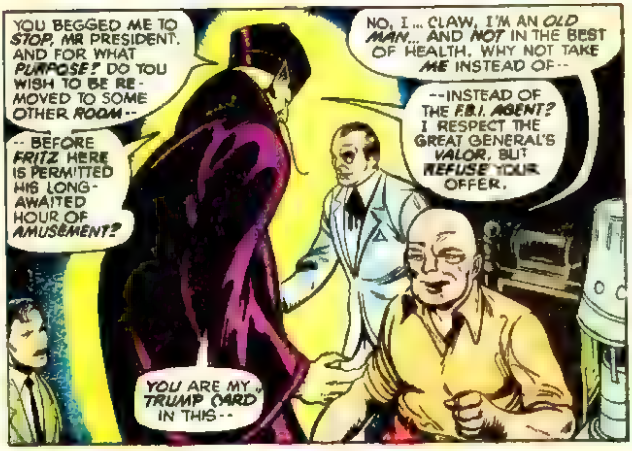
YOUR TEARS MOVE ME, SUWAN. FOR, I AM NOT ENTIRELY WITHOUT COMPASSION!
THUS, YOU MAY LEAVE THIS CHAMBER--
--RATHER THAN WATCH YOUR LOVER SLOWLY TORTURED TO DEATH!

THIS HEAP OF YOURS IS SURE FAST, MARVEL BOY. IT MAKES THE XF-13 LOOK LIKE A WRIGHT BROTHERS JOB!
IT GOT US TO WASHINGTON IN MINUTES!
BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE IN WASHINGTON TO FIND THE PRESIDENT, 3 D MAN--









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MASTER, WE HEARD A NOISE, AND--
--YE GODS, WHAT'S THAT?!
OBVIOUSLY, A BEING WHO WAS GIVEN LIFE ELECTRICALLY--AS I WAS!
IT IS A ROBOT--BUT PRIMITIVE COMPARED TO WHAT SCIENTISTS IN MY HOMELAND MIGHT DEVISE
IS THAT SO, RUSKIE?
WELL, WHAT WOULD YOUR COMMIE SCIENTISTS DO TO STOP THAT METAL MONSTROSITY?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO--USE YOUR POWERS TO DESTROY THE ROBOT!
GRRR
AND NOW THERE'S A GORILLA! GOOD LORD, WHAT NEXT?!
STRANGE.. HUMANS.. ATTACK... LIVING.. ROBOT.
BUT... I... WILL ATTACK FIRST
YOU'LL ATTACK NO ONE, ROBOT--
--LONG AS MY CONTROLLED BODY TEMPERATURE IN THIS PROTECTIVE SUIT LET ME TRAP YOU IN SOLID ICE!
ROB'S OUT OF COMMISSION!
WE'RE GONNA BE TOO, GROUP· UNLESS WE JUMP IN FIGHTING!
GRARR
THATAWAY, "BONZO"! YOU TAKE ON THE GREEN GORILLA!

IF THAT WAS AN INSULT, I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU LAT--*
THAT BLAST SINGED MY FUR!
BETTER KEEP OUT OF THIS MONSTER'S WAY-- AT LEAST FOR NOW!
HOLD STILL, YOU APISH LACKEY!

A LIVING SKELETON--
BUT, I'LL STOP HIM WITH THE RADIANCE OF MY LIGHT JEWEL EASILY ENOU-- WHAT?!
YOU ARE A FOOL, CAPED ONE--TO THINK SKULL-FACE COULD BE STOPPED BY YOUR LIGHT!

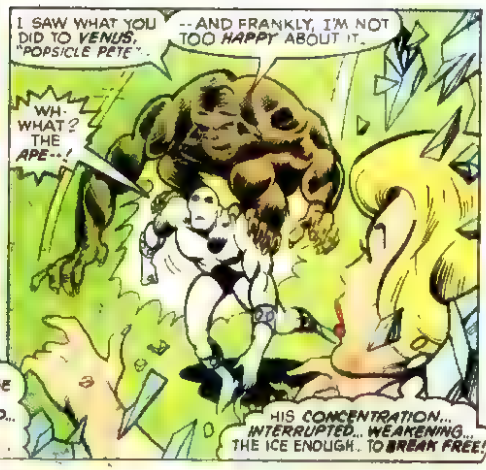
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN-- THAT TO BE BLINDED, ONE MUST FIRST HAVE EYES.. AND NOT THE EMPTY SOCKETS OF A FLESHLESS SKULL!
MARVEL BOY, BE CAREFUL--!
CAN'T LET HER SAVE THE ONE CALLED MARVEL BOY!
*AND, AS BONY

*--JIMMY WOO STILL STRUGGLES TO BREAK HIS BONDS
CAN'T BUDGE THESE ROPES!
WAIT! SOMEONE'S SNEAKING UP BEHIND ME. AND I RECOGNIZE THE PERFUME!

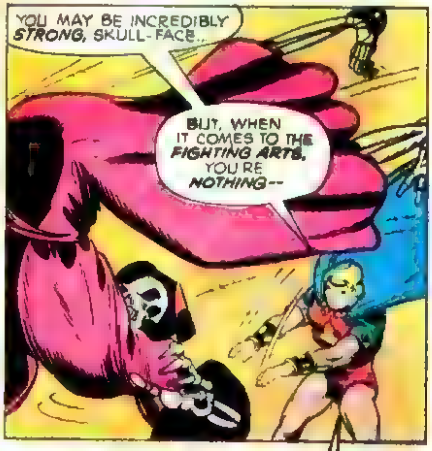
SUWAN! YOU'RE SETTING ME FREE!?
YES, MY DARLING-- BUT AS ALWAYS, AT THE RISK OF FURTHER ANGERING THE YELLOW CLAW!

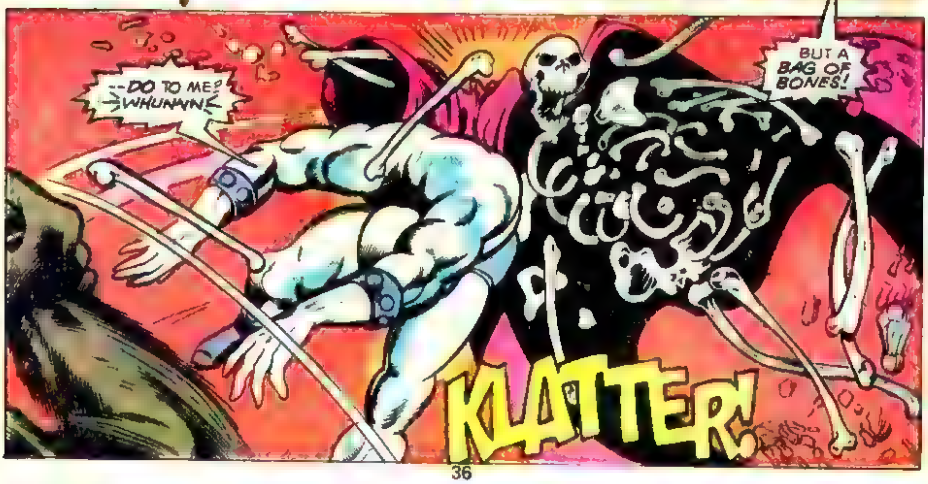
I-- HAVE NO CHOICE IN WHAT I'M DOING, GOD DESS--
UHNNN?!
BUT YOUR LOVE POWER IS GOING FRIGID!

I'M VULNERABLE-- WHILE IN MY MORTAL STATE! I'LL FREEZE TO DEATH UNLESS I CAN TURN MY LOVE POWER ON MY OPPONENT... THROUGH THE ICE!
IT'S WORKING.. A LITTLE BIT... BECAUSE THE ICE HASN'T... COMPLETELY HARDENED... YET! MUST... KEEP FIGHTING HIM UNTIL


I SAW WHAT YOU DID TO VENUS, "POPSICLE PETE"..
--AND FRANKLY, I'M NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT.
WH-WHAT? THE APE--!
HIS CONCENTRATION... INTERRUPTED... WEAKENING... THE ICE ENOUGH.. TO BREAK FREE!

THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES-- THE ENRAGED LOOK OF A WILD BEAST!
WH WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO--
RRR-
GRRR!

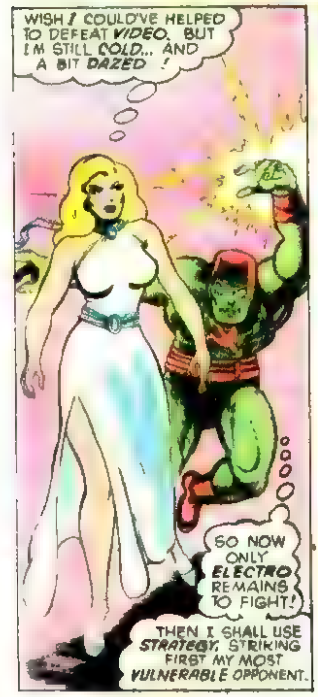

YOU MAY BE INCREDIBLY STRONG, SKULL-FACE...
BUT, WHEN IT COMES TO THE FIGHTING ARTS, YOU RE NOTHING--


--DO TO ME? WHUNNNE
BUT A BAG OF BONES!
KLATTER!

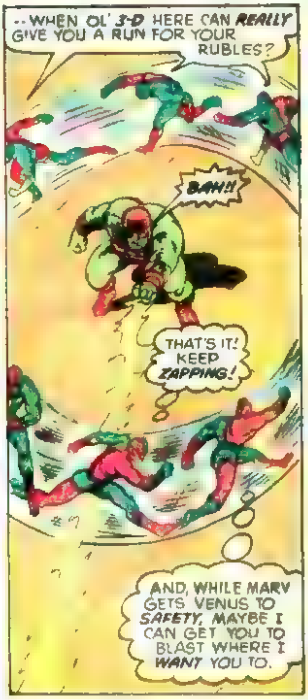
WE MAKE A GOOD TEAM, GORILLA-MAN. MAYBE--
VIDEO-- BLASTING 3-D MAN WITH HIS DEATH-VISION!
IF NOT FOR MY... TRI-ENDURANCE I'D BE DEAD BY NOW!
BUT-- CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER... STARTING TO DROP..

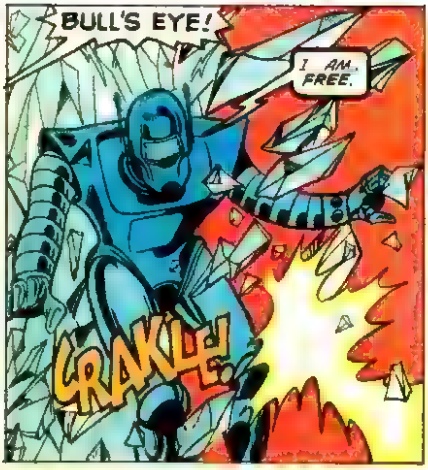
Y!!!!! I CAN'T SEE--!
THE FIRST TIME WE FOUGHT, I DESTROYED YOUR X-RAY VISION, WITH MY LIGHT AND MY FIST! *
HAH! I'M MORE POWERFUL, AND NOT EVEN YOUR PUNCH CAN--
*SEE MARVEL BOY #1. -- ROY.

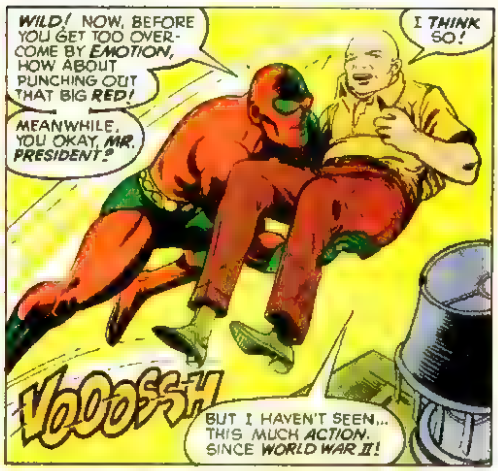
THEN HOW ABOUT MINE--
-CROWNING YOU WITH THE LEG-BONE OF ONE OF YOUR CRONIES?!
KRAK!
NOOOOOOO..

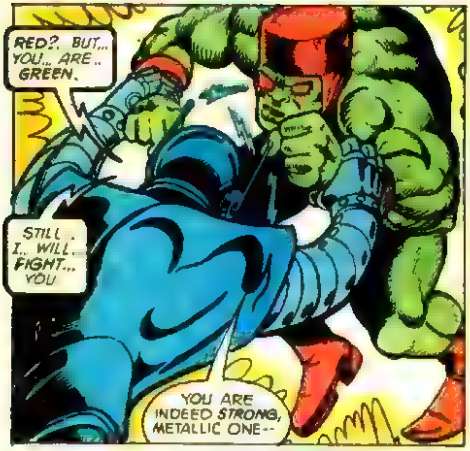

WISH I COULD'VE HELPED TO DEFEAT VIDEO. BUT I'M STILL COLD... AND A BIT DAZED!
SO NOW ONLY ELECTRO REMAINS TO FIGHT!
THEN I SHALL USE STRATEGY, STRIKING FIRST MY MOST VULNERABLE OPPONENT.

*BUT, BEFORE ELECTRO CAN RELEASE ONE OF HIS DEADLY ENERGY-BOLTS--
MARVEL BOY?! I DIDN'T SEE--
DON'T THANK ME YET, LADY!
HEY GREEN GIANT, WHY BOTHER WITH THOSE TWO

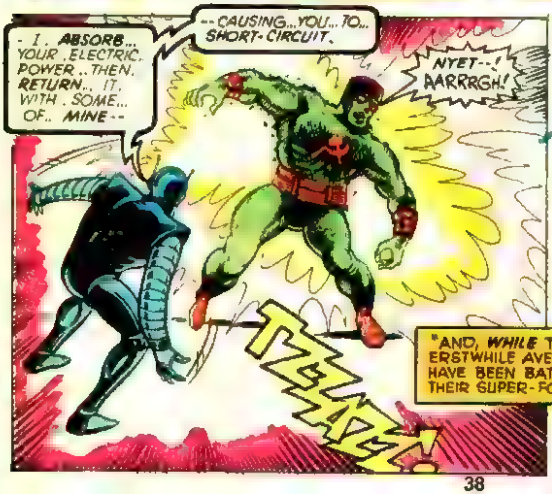

--WHEN OL' 3-D HERE CAN REALLY GIVE YOU A RUN FOR YOUR RUBLES?
BAM!!
THAT'S IT! KEEP ZAPPING!
AND, WHILE MARV GETS VENUS TO SAFETY, MAYBE I CAN GET YOU TO BLAST WHERE I WANT YOU TO.

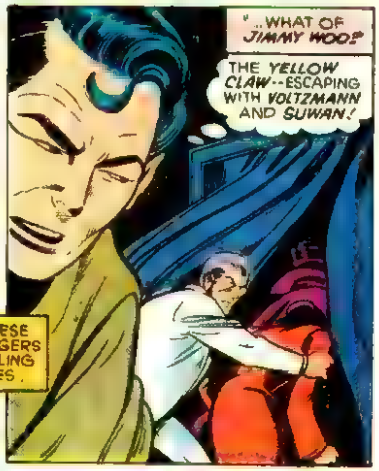

BULL'S EYE!
I AM. FREE.
KRAKLE!


WILD! NOW, BEFORE YOU GET TOO OVER-COME BY EMOTION, HOW ABOUT PUNCHING OUT THAT BIG RED!
I THINK SO!
MEANWHILE, YOU OKAY, MR. PRESIDENT?
VOOOSSH
BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN... THIS MUCH ACTION. SINCE WORLD WAR II!


RED?. BUT... YOU... ARE.. GREEN.
STILL . I.. WILL. FIGHT... YOU
YOU ARE INDEED STRONG, METALLIC ONE--

BUT I AM ELECTRO, MOST POWERFUL OF THOSE WHO SERVE THE YELLOW CLAW!
AND LIKE YOURS, MY STRENGTH IS BORN OF ELECTRICITY!
THUS, IF YOU THINK TO DEFEAT ME IN HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE...
THAT IS NOT... MY... PLAN, RATHER-


- I . ABSORB... YOUR . ELECTRIC. POWER .. THEN. RETURN... IT. WITH . SOME... OF.. MINE--
--CAUSING... YOU... TO... SHORT-CIRCUIT.
NYET--! AARRRGH!
TZZZZZZZ!
"AND, WHILE THESE ERSTWHILE AVENGERS HAVE BEEN BATTLING THEIR SUPER-FOES.


"...WHAT OF JIMMY WOO?"
THE YELLOW CLAW--ESCAPING WITH VOLTZMANN AND SUWAN!

STILL COLD, VENUS?

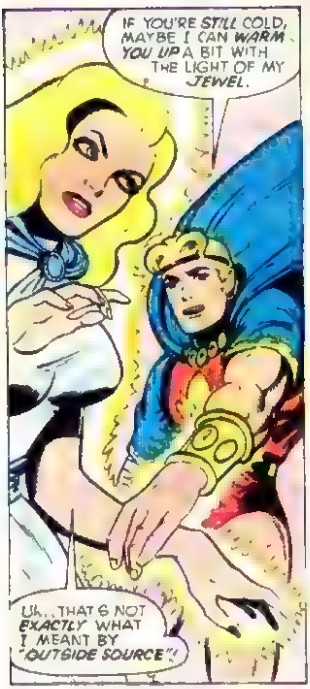
BRRRR! I THINK I COULD USE SOME WARMTH FROM AN OUTSIDE SOURCE

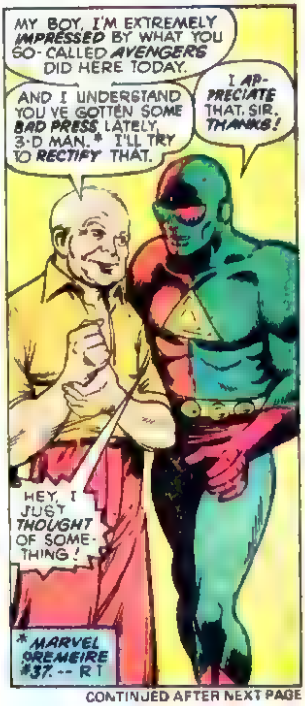
WELL, AVENGERS, HERE'S OUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT, AND WE FINISHED LIKE FLOYD PATTERSON--

--EVEN IF TWO OF US WERE LEFT-OVERS FROM "THE BOWERY BOYS MEET THE MONSTERS."

BOWERY BOYS? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

IT'D TAKE TOO LONG, ROBOT. AT LEAST I HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING I WAS HUMAN...ONCE!





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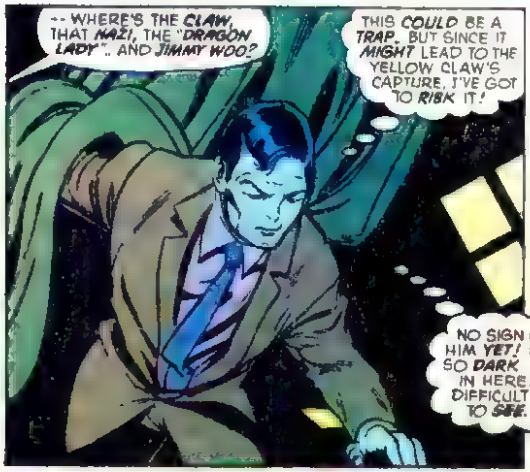
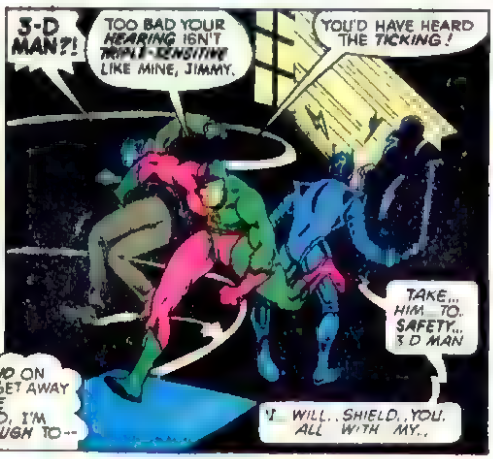
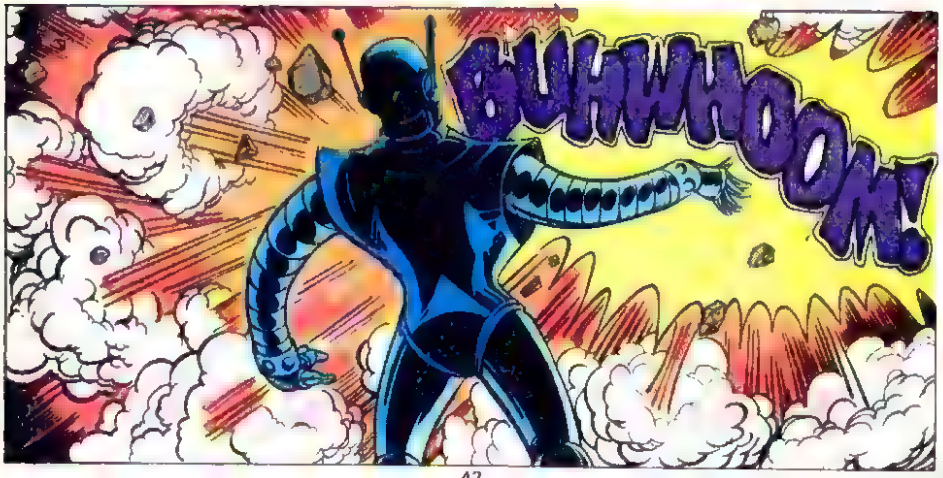

-- WHERE'S THE CLAW, THAT NAZI, THE "DRAGON LADY", AND JIMMY WOO?
THIS COULD BE A TRAP. BUT SINCE IT MIGHT LEAD TO THE YELLOW CLAW'S CAPTURE, I'VE GOT TO RISK IT!
NO SIGN OF HIM YET! IT'S SO DARK IN HERE... DIFFICULT TO SEE.

" ONE MINUTE LATER.
SO JIMMY WOO IT APPEARS YOU'VE FOUND ME
IT'S HIM... THE YELLOW CLAW, JUST WAITING FOR ME TO GRAB HIM!

THIS IS TOO EASY. IT'S GOT TO BE A TRAP! BUT IF IT'S NOT, AND I TURN AWAY AND RUN--
--THE WORST FIEND ON THIS EARTH WILL GET AWAY TO COMMIT MORE ATROCITIES. NO, I'M SEEING THIS THROUGH TO--

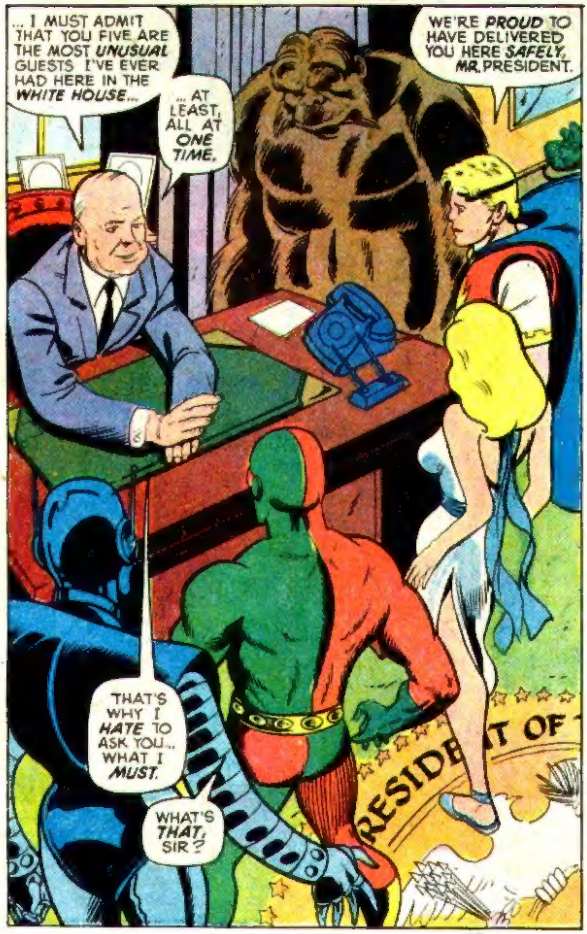

3-D MAN?!
TOO BAD YOUR HEARING ISN'T TRIPLE-SENSITIVE LIKE MINE, JIMMY.
YOU'D HAVE HEARD THE TICKING!
TAKE... HIM TO SAFETY... 3-D MAN
I WILL..SHIELD..YOU. ALL WITH MY..


BUHWHOOM!

IT WAS A DUMMY-- WITH A BUILT-IN BOMB! I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED!
YEAH--AND THE HUMAN ROBOT SACRIFICED HIMSELF--FOR ALL OF US!

MAKES ME FEEL KIND-OF LOW, RIGHT ABOUT N--
LOW? BUT... YOU... ARE... TALL.
GREAT BALLS O' FIRE!
EXCEPT FOR A FEW DENTS-- HE'S AS GOOD AS NEW!

WE... AVENGERS... ARE... ALL... GOOD.
Uhh...
I THINK THE GREEN SIDE OF MY FACE JUST TURNED RED, TOO!


... I MUST ADMIT THAT YOU FIVE ARE THE MOST UNUSUAL GUESTS I'VE EVER HAD HERE IN THE WHITE HOUSE...
... AT LEAST, ALL AT ONE TIME.
WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE DELIVERED YOU HERE SAFELY, MR. PRESIDENT.
THAT'S WHY I HATE TO ASK YOU... WHAT I MUST.
WHAT'S THAT, SIR?

THESE ARE SUSPICIOUS TIMES, MY FRIENDS. PEOPLE FIND COMMUNISTS UNDER THEIR BEDS-- AND MARTIANS IN EVERY WEATHER-BALLOON.
A FEW SIMPLISTIC SOULS EVEN FEEL THAT COMIC-BOOKS, AND ANYTHING RESEMBLING COMIC-BOOK CHARACTERS-- SUCH AS YOURSELVES-- ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY SOCIAL ILL.
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO DISBAND THE AVENGERS... WHILE I TAKE MEASURES TO COVER UP THE FACT THAT YOU EVER EXISTED!
THAT... DOES... NOT... COMPUTE.
WHAT!?
WON'T YOU RECONSIDER, SIR? WE--

WAIT, GROUP! I'M AFRAID THE PRESIDENT IS RIGHT! JUST THINK:

OUR VERY EXISTENCE SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY OF SPACE TRAVEL--ROBOT WARFARE-- MEN TURNED INTO MONSTERS-- AND ALL-POWERFUL DEMI-GODS LIVING ON THE FRINGES OF MAN'S WORLD.

EARTH ISN'T READY FOR THOSE POSSIBILITIES JUST YET-- AND WE MIGHT CAUSE A PUBLIC PANIC.

I'LL KEEP TRYING TO RESTORE GORILLA-MAN TO HIS HUMAN FORM BACK ON URANUS...

BUT, PERHAPS ONE DAY IN THE FUTURE, IT WILL BE TIME AT LAST FOR-- THE AVENGERS!

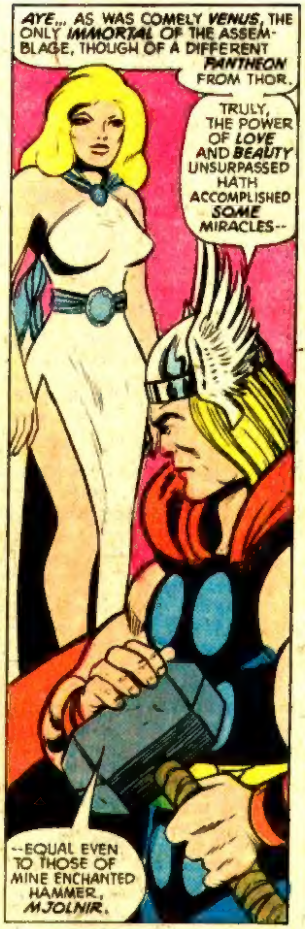
WOW.

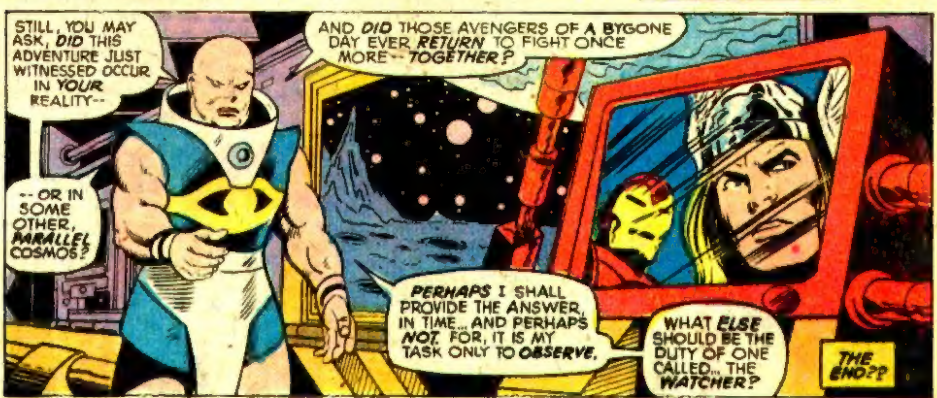
AND THAT'S IT, MY FRIENDS.

MAN, WHAT A SHOW!

AND, AS A CERTAIN LEATHER-JACKETED SUPERSTAR MIGHT PUT IT: I THINK I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT YOUR DRIFT, IRON MAN.

YES. IT IS OBVIOUS NOW WHY THE GOLDEN AVENGER SUMMONED ONLY THE FOUR OF US.





NEXT ISSUE! THOR! CONAN! THE FABULOUS F.F.!
ONE OF THESE MIGHTY MARVEL FEATURES WILL BE SPOTLIGHTED IN WHAT IF #10! BE HERE!

AND NOW, DEAR READER, I MUST SPEAK, FROM MY OBSERVATORY ON YOUR *MOON*.

THOUGH THERE WAS AN *INTERIM CAPTAIN AMERICA* FOR A BRIEF PERIOD DURING THE MIDDLE 1950'S, HE HAD GONE QUITE *MAD*, IN HIS OWN WAY, AND HAD BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE *AUTHORITIES*, BY THE TIME OF OUR STORY.*

THUS, NEITHER THE *TRUE* CAPTAIN AMERICA -- NOR SUCH LATE-COMERS AS THE *VISION* OR THE EARTHLY INCARNATION OF *THOR* -- CAN KNOW MUCH OF THE *ORIGINS* OF THESE COLORFUL HEROES.

FOR INSTANCE, THERE IS *KEN HALE* -- A MAN OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA OF A *GORILLA-MAN*, A LEGENDARY MONSTER HALF *MAN* AND HALF *ANIMAL*, SUPPOSED TO EXIST IN *KENYA* DURING THIS TIME.

HALE'S OBSESSION DROVE HIM TO *SEEK OUT* THE CREATURE -- BUT, AFTER SLAYING HIM, *HALE HIMSELF* WAS TURNED BY A STRANGE *CURSE* INTO THE *NEW* GORILLA-MAN!**

*C.A. #155. --Ray.

**SEE MEN'S ADVENTURES #26. -- RT.

"IN 1934, PROFESSOR *MATTHEW GRAYSON'S* WIFE AND DAUGHTER WERE KILLED BY THE *NAZIS*.

"AT ABOUT THAT TIME, A *SCIENTIST* NEEDED A SPECIAL *REGULATOR* TO PERFECT HIS NEW *ROBOT*.

"ON *MOUNT OLYMPUS*, AMONG THE IMMORTAL *GRAECO-ROMAN GODS*, THERE DWELT ONE CALLED BOTH *VENUS* AND *APHRODITE* --

"-- INCOMPARABLE *GODDESS OF LOVE AND BEAUTY*.

"PILOT *CHUCK CHANDLER*, TEST-FLYING THE EXPERIMENTAL *XF-13* --

"WITH HIS INFANT SON *BOB*, GRAYSON FLED HITLER'S TYRANNY IN AN EARLY *ATOMIC-POWERED CRAFT*.

"BUT, HIS MOON-BOUND SHIP WENT INEXPLICABLY *OFF-COURSE*...

... REACHING THE PLANET *URANUS*, WHERE HIS -- GROWING SON ACQUIRED THE NAME AND ABILITIES OF... *MARVEL BOY*.*

*SEE MARVEL BOY #1, 1951. --R.

"BUT, HIS UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESS MANAGER *SABOTAGED* THE ROBOT...

PROGRAMMING IT TO *KILL* ITS CREATOR...

"... WHICH IT *DID*!

"BUT, *WITHOUT* THE REGULATOR...

"-- THE '*KILL*' ORDER *REMAINED*!

"AFTER KILLING BOTH MEN, THE *HUMAN ROBOT* SOUGHT OUT *MORE* VICTIMS.

"SHORT-CIRCUITED BY WATER, IT DID NOT GET *FAR*.*

*MENACE #11. --Ray.

"SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF *ZEUS* -- AND COUSIN OF *HERCULES*, PRINCE OF POWER.

"YET, SHE *RENOUNCED* ALL HER GODLY ATTRIBUTES SAVE THE POWER OF *LOVE* ITSELF --

"-- TO DWELL AMONG THE *MORTALS* WHO SEEMED SO MUCH TO *NEED* WHAT SHE ALONE COULD *BESTOW*.*

*SEE VENUS' OWN MAGAZINE, DURING THE 1950'S. -- GUESS WHO.

"WAS NOT PREPARED FOR HIS *CAPTURE* BY ALIEN *SKRULLS* --

"-- OR FOR THE *EXPLOSION* OF THEIR *FLYING SAUCER* --

"-- WHICH CREATED AN EERIE *RELATIONSHIP* BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER *HAL*.

*MERGING INTO *ONE BEING* WHENEVER HAL DONNED CERTAIN *GLASSES* --

"-- THEY COULD BECOME -- THE *3-D MAN*!*

*MARVEL PREMIERE #35. -- Ray.